

2189. A letter from the Federal Communications Commission, Managing Director, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Galena and Baxter Springs, Kansas) [MM Docket No. 96-177] received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2190. A letter from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Chairman, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2191. A letter from the National Endowment of the Arts, Chairman, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2192. A letter from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation [AMTRAK], Vice President for Government Affairs, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2193. A letter from the Office of Personnel Management, Director, transmitting the Office's final rule—Reduction in Force and Mandatory Exceptions (RIN: 3206-AH64) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2194. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2195. A letter from the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, Acting Executive Director, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2196. A letter from the Department of the Interior, Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl in Arizona (Fish and Wildlife Service) (RIN: 1018-AC85) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2197. A letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, transmitting the Administration's final rule—American Lobster Fishery; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 970219034-7034-01; I.D. 021097D] (RIN: 0648-xx81) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2198. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class E Airspace; Fall River, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANE-45] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2199. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of Class D and E Airspace; South Weymouth, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANE-44] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2200. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Springfield/Chicopee, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANE-46] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2201. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Nashua, NH, Newport, RI, Mansfield, MA, Providence, RI, and Taunton, MA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ANE-11] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2203. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel Transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D and E2 Airspace; Orlando, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-40] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2204. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Fort Stewart, GA (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-41] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2205. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class D, E2 and E4 Airspace; Gainesville, FL (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-39] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2206. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace, Fremont, NE (Federal Aviation Administration) [Airspace Docket No. 97-ACE-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2207. A letter from the Department of Transportation, General Counsel Transmitting the Department's final rule—Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (Federal Aviation Administration [Docket No. 28821; Amdt. No. 1786] (RIN: 2120-AA65) received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2208. A letter from the Internal Revenue Service, Chief, Regulations Unit, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability [Rev. Proc. 97-21] received March 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

120.6 JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of 15 United States Code 1024(a), appointed to the Joint Economic Committee, Messrs. STARK, HAMILTON, HINCHEY and Mrs. MALONEY, on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

120.7 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—MINORITY

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 10, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I request that I be granted a leave of absence from the House Committee on Small Business in order to accept an appointment to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

IKE SKELTON,
Member of Congress.

The resignation was accepted.

120.8 UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. ARCHER moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution of the Senate (S.J. Res. 5) waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. ARCHER and Mr. RANGEL, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

120.9 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 852

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-15) the resolution (H. Res. 88) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 852) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

120.10 ENERGY STANDARDIZATION

Mr. Dan SCHAEFER of Colorado moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 649) to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GOODLATTE, recognized Mr. Dan SCHAEFER of Colorado and Mr. HALL of Texas, each for 20 minutes.